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For: BILE-ACID CONJUGATES FOR )  
PROVIDING SUSTAINED SYSTEMIC )  
CONCENTRATIONS OF DRUGS )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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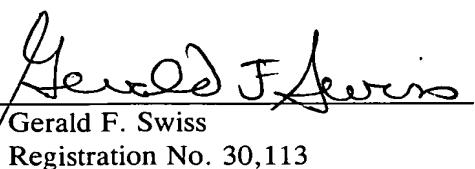
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